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believe it was my staff person or one of the lobbyists said puts it in English. It divides it up and clarifies so that it is clear that there are three component parts to it. Also, and includes the language that deals with third party reimbursement for these facilities, which, again, is a component of the federal definition of an ASC, and then it also mirrors, in the other section, Section 2, of Section 104 of the bill, deals with the definition of the clinic used solely by a practitioner or group of practitioners in the practice of medicine, dentistry, or podiatry, as it was stated previously in the bill. So it just, basically, modifies that section so it is in compliance with the previous amendment. We had to do this because we are dealing with amendments to the committee amendments. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President, I, again, rise in support of the amendment. It does clarify and to the satisfaction of the different interests that have been involved in the issue. Again, it does add the third party reimbursement so that if a facility fee reimbursement is received from Medicare or private insurance, then we recognize that it is an ambulatory surgical center. But, again, the clarity in this will be helpful, I think, to the Health Department and to the providers so they will know if they are covered or not covered, and, again, the issue will need to be readdressed in the future, but for now I think it clarifies the situation adequately and I support the Hall amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Hall, do you wish to close? No closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Hall amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1210. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Hall's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Hall amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Nothing further to the committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely...is there any further